

Applicants: John H. Schneider et al. : Group Art Unit: 3721
 Serial No.: 10/042,985 : Examiner: Truong, T.K.
 Filed: October 19, 2001 : Date: October 27, 2004
 Title: TAMPER-EVIDENT EASY-OPEN SLIDER PACKAGE
 AND RELATED METHODS OF MANUFACTURE



Hon. Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is an Amendment After Final Rejection.

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X A fee for additional claims is not required.
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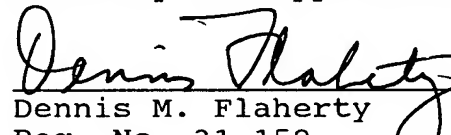
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS:	28 -	47 =	0	x \$18 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS:	3 -	7 =	0	x \$86 =	0
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

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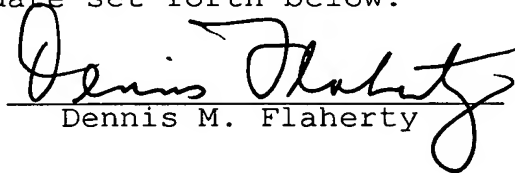

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed on September 9, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants submit the following argument in support of allowing this case.

ARGUMENT

In ¶ 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 3-11, 13-23, 49, 52, 54 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,360,513 to Strand et al. ("Strand"). The Applicants traverse this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

In the first place, the Applicants object to the Final Rejection on the ground that it is deficient and contrary to the rules of examination. As set forth at MPEP § 707.07(f):

Where the applicant traverses any rejection, the examiner should, if he or she repeats the rejection, take note of the applicant's argument and answer the substance of it.